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The Office Action dated February 12, 2003 has been received and carefully reviewed. Please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

In the claims:

1. (Currently Three Times Amended) A driving device for a windshield wiper assembly of a motor vehicle comprising:

a housing;

an electric motor located in the housing connected with a rotating armature shaft having a first end portion and a second end portion;

a gear unit located in the housing with a worm located on an intermediate portion of the armature shaft;

a support bearing supporting one end of the armature shaft at the housing; and